

HOUSE BILL 3189  
By Harmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,  
Chapter 8, relative to the training of sheriffs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-102, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting the following new subsection (c):

(c)

(1) Every person who is elected or appointed to the office of sheriff after May 30, 1997, shall, annually during such term of office, complete forty (40) hours of in-service training appropriate for the rank and responsibilities of a sheriff. All such training shall be approved by the peace officer standards and training commission. Any such sheriff who does not fulfill the obligations of this annual in-service training shall lose the power of arrest.

(2) Every person who is elected to the office of sheriff after August 1, 2006, and is a first term sheriff, regardless of the person's previous law enforcement experience, shall successfully complete the new sheriff school prior to September 1 of the year immediately following their election and thereafter shall successfully complete forty (40) hours of annual in-service training appropriate for the rank and responsibilities of a sheriff pursuant to subdivision (c)(1). The new sheriff school shall be taught at the Tennessee law enforcement training academy. The curriculum shall be developed by the Tennessee law enforcement training academy in cooperation with the Tennessee sheriffs' association and must be approved by the peace officer standards and training commission. Any cost associated with attending the new sheriff school shall be

paid by the county. Any such sheriff who does not fulfill the obligations of the new sheriff school training course shall lose the power of arrest.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.